

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 1687–1701; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 85, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1420, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System (H. Rept. 105–106); and

H. Res. 155, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–107).

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

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Receiving Former Members of Congress: The Speaker declared a recess for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former Members of Congress. It was made in order that the proceedings during the recess be printed in the record.

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Motion to Suspend the Rules on Thursday, May 22: It was made in order that on Thursday, May 22, the Speaker be authorized to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 956, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth.

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Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Savings are Vital to Everyone's Retirement Act of 1997: H.R. 1377, amended, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings;

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Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997: H.R. 1306, amended, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in such State of an out-of-State bank;

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Volunteer Protection Act of 1997: H.R. 911, amended, to encourage the States to enact legislation to grant immunity from personal civil liability, under certain circumstances, to volunteers working on behalf of nonprofit organizations and governmental entities (passed by a yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 150). Pages H3096–03, H3118

Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to consider a similar Senate-passed bill, S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers. S. 543 was passed in lieu after being amended to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting the text of H.R. 911, as passed the House. Agreed to lay H.R. 911 on the table;

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Grenade Attack in Cambodia: H. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the March 30, 1997 terrorist grenade attack in Cambodia; and

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Reaffirming the Principles of the Marshall Plan: H. Con. Res. 63, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the principles that led to the establishment of that program.

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International Dolphin Conservation Program Act: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 262 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 151, the House passed H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

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Agreed to an amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to H. Res. 153, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 149.

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Referrals: S. 342, to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices was referred to the Committee on International Relations; S. Con. Res. 6, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country was referred to the Committee on International Relations; and S. Con. Res. 21, congratulating the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the thirtieth anniversary of the reunification of that historic city was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Senate Messages: Message received by the Senate today appears on page H3079.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today

and appear on pages H3117-18, H3118, and H3139-40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued hearings on Financial Modernization, including, H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SEC AUTHORIZATION ACT; COMMON CENTS STOCK PRICING ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Material approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1262, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997; and H.R. 1053, Common Cents Stock Pricing Act of 1997.

JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on proposals for the Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

STATUS OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON ERGONOMICS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing to review the status of scientific information on ergonomics. Testimony was heard from Linda Rosenstock, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

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Committee on House Oversight: Met to consider motions on subpoenas issued in connection with the Contested Election in the Forty-sixth District of California.

OBSTACLES TO U.S.-AFRICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Obstacles to U.S.-African Trade and Investment. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on Quadrennial Defense Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 79, amended, Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 856, amended, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act; H.R. 858, amended, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act of 1997; H.R. 985, amended, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within Arapaho and White River National Forests, CO, to include the lands known as the Slate Creek Addition upon the acquisition of the lands by the United States; H.R. 1019, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, CO, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys; H.R. 1020, to adjust the boundary of the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado to include all National Forest System lands within Summit County, CO, which are currently part of the Dillon Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest; and H.R. 1439, amended, to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest, in the State of California to Placer County, California.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1127, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE WAIVER

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against the same day consideration of any resolution reported before May 23, 1997, providing for consideration of specified measures. The waiver applies: (1) to a concurrent resolution on the budget, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference